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# Kentucky Medal for Freedom

*Families of Military Killed in Combat are Eligible*



(FRANKFORT, Jan. 14, 2009 – Kentucky now honors its fallen military with the new Kentucky Medal for Freedom.

This year, the General Assembly authorized the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) to present the Kentucky Medal for Freedom to the family of each Kentuckian killed on active duty in a combat-related incident on or after January 1, 1991.

Representative Brent Yonts sponsored the legislation that created the Medal for Freedom and America's Mint, a Kentucky small business, cast the first five hundred medals before year's end.

KDVA has begun contacting the families of service members they believe may meet eligibility criteria for the Medal for Freedom. Since 1991, approximately 90 Kentuckians lost their lives in combat-related incidents. KDVA needs help finding the next of kin for many of these fallen heroes.

Find the list of services members tentatively identified by the Department as potential Medal for Freedom nominees on KDVA's Medal for Freedom web page,  
<http://veterans.ky.gov/medalforfreedom.htm>

If you believe your loved one may be eligible for nomination, call or email Pamela Cypert at 502-564-9203, [pamela.cypert@ky.gov](mailto:pamela.cypert@ky.gov).